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**REPLY**

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Sir:

In response to the Office communication dated December 8, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.823(a), please insert the attached paper copy of the "Sequence Listing" after the last page of the application (page 31) to replace the Sequence Listing previously filed on November 3, 1999.